TV & Michael Barks, Sen. Ed. Kennedy's adm. asst. (under)

With attachments, confidential

2/28/69

Dear Cyril,

I am sending the enclosed letter to Senator Edward Kennedy's administrative assistant by certified, deliver-to-addressee-only, return-receipt mail this afternoon. The illegibility of the copy of his letter to me is not the exclusive fault of my aged and still-aging Thermofax. He used pale blue that doesn't copy well.

Do not hold your breath Wednesday, until he calls!

Gary Schoener heard from Vince Salandria, who is in New Orleans, that until almost the last minute they planned to call you, I presume in rebuttal, after Finck. However, it seems that Finck left so little of the autopsy intact, they have have decided it was not necessary. I do not know the courtroom conditions and the jury's attitude after being sequestered a month. However, I have been assured by a knowledgeable member of the press, a trusted friend, that Finck was utterly ruined. Since then I have received one of the papers with excerpts from his testimony, verbatim, and I have no doubt a perjury rap will stick. They did use what I have in POST MORTEM, which you may, by now, have read, and got the most significant acknowledgements of military intrusion on the general-officer level during the performance of the autopsy, his acknowledgement that there were fragments in the thoracic area, and much, more more. Considering the state of the prosecutor's knowledge, it was an admirable cross-examination.

I have also drafted a letter to Judge Halleck. That will not be retyped in time to include it, but I will mail it tomorrow, if I go into town, My wife will retype it tonight. It will be self-explanatory.

There may be other of my efforts at intellectual judo enclosed. Today is the first pleasant one we have had in several weeks. I am aging so, tiring so easily and remaining this way, that I will try and get outside for a little exercise. If it precludes other enclosures, I will send them separately. I have been told your appearance on the "Long John" show was effective. About these things, however, I would prefer silence so they may come to fruition without public attention, or at least have the chance.

Dissatisfied as I am of what has happened, and what did not, in New Orleans, I am no less satisfied than ever on two points: there is an important case there, or least one, and the net effect, despite whatever immediate effect there may be, will be to advance us, materially.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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